

**Abstract****Method for Recognizing Speech**

To increase the accuracy and the flexibility of a method for recognizing speech which employs a keyword spotting process on the basis of a combination of a keyword model (KM) and a garbage model (GM) it is suggested to associate at least one variable penalty value ( $P_{trans}$ ,  $P_1$ , ...,  $P_6$ ) with a global penalty ( $P_{glob}$ ) so as to increase the recognition of keywords ( $K_j$ ).

(Fig. 1)

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